

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA
CENTRAL DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

MARY ANNE LOCKE,

Defendant.

No. CR 08-3037

**ORDER REGARDING
MAGISTRATE'S REPORT AND
RECOMMENDATION
CONCERNING DEFENDANT'S
GUILTY PLEAS**

I. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

On December 17, 2008, a two -count Information was filed against the defendant Mary Anne Locke. On December 17, 2008, the defendant appeared before United States Magistrate Judge Paul A. Zoss and entered pleas of guilty to Counts 1 and 2 of the Information. On December 17, 2008, Judge Zoss filed a Report and Recommendation in which he recommended that defendant's guilty pleas be accepted. No objections to Judge Zoss' Report and Recommendation were filed. The court, therefore, undertakes the necessary review of Judge Zoss' recommendation to accept defendant's pleas in this case.

II. ANALYSIS

Pursuant to statute, this court's standard of review for a magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation is as follows:

A judge of the court shall make a de novo determination of those portions of the report or specified proposed findings or recommendations to which objection is made. A judge of the court may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the findings or recommendations made by the magistrate [judge].

28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). Similarly, Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 72(b) provides for review of a magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation on dispositive motions and prisoner petitions, where objections are made, as follows:

The district judge to whom the case is assigned shall make a de novo determination upon the record, or after additional evidence, of any portion of the magistrate judge's disposition to which specific written objection has been made in accordance with this rule. The district judge may accept, reject, or modify the recommended decision, receive further evidence, or recommit the matter to the magistrate judge with instructions.

FED. R. CIV. P. 72(b).

In this case, no objections have been filed, and it appears to the court upon review of Judge Zoss' findings and conclusions, that there is no ground to reject or modify them. Therefore, the court **accepts** Judge Zoss' Report and Recommendation of December 17, 2008, and accepts defendant's pleas of guilty in this case to Counts 1 and 2 of the Information.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 2nd day of January, 2009.



LINDA R. READE
CHIEF JUDGE, U.S. DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA